Zones (AEZ) have been sanctioned by the Government of India as per details below:

S.No.	Product	Districts/Area
1.	Gherkins	Tumkur, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Hassan
		Kolar, Chitradurga, Dharwad and Bagalkot
2.	Rose Onion	Bangalore (Urban), Bangalore (Rural), Kolar
3.	Flowers	Bangalore (Urban) Bangalore (Rural), Kolar, Tumkur, Kodagu and Belgam

Memorandum of understanding for these AEZs have been signed with the Government of Karnataka and the identified activities are in progress at various stages.

Agricultural Export Zone in Madhya Pradesh

†2102. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to start Agricultural Export Zone in the country specially in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the Agricultural Export Zone is likely to be started; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to create more employment opportunities and to provide the benefit of state of the art technology to the farmers in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI):(a) to (c)The Government of India has already sanctioned an Agri Export Zone (AEZ) for potato, Onion and Garlic in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up this zone has been signed by Central

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh on 11.2.2002. The identified activities are at various stages of implementation.

(d) The AEZ is expected to benefit farmers and create job opportunities in each of its declared zones.

Promotion of ayurvedic and herbal industry in Kerala

2103. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to declare Kerala as a special zone for ayurvedic and herbal industry and trade with special privileges and subsidies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to organize trade fairs related to herbal industry and ayurvedic medicines under the auspices of Indian Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO); and

(d) whether the ITPO is providing any help/financial assistance to the "International Herbal Trade Fair and Ayurveda Expo 2002" conducted alongwith World Ayurveda Congress from 30th October to 5th November, 2002 at Kochi, Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI):(a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) organizes 'Arogya', a trade fair relating to Herbal Industry and Indian system of Medicine. The first 'Arogya' fair, 2001 was organized by India. Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) with the collaboration of Department of Indian Systems of Medicine, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during December 15-18, 2001. Many from ayurvedic and herbal industry fraternity also participated in the exhibition. 'Arogya' fair, 2002 is scheduled to be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from December 11-15, 2002.

(d) India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) does not provide any financial assistance to exhibitions whether in India or abroad organized by other Organisation. As such there is no proposal with India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) to provide any financial assistance to the